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FROM : Chief, LAS

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Submitted Agency requirements for internal area training in FY 1958 total 1276:

for Basic Country Survey courses	225
for Regional Survey courses	538
for Americans Abroad courses	513

As an indication of the significance of area training, these figures represent a total of 53,475 man-hours, or over 27 man-years, of requested training. (Of this total, 107 are requirements for area training on USSR and are the concern of SIC. Information on this requirement has been transmitted to SIC.)

2. Last week's critical shortage of instructors for out-of-hours French and Spanish has been relieved by location of adequate instructors for the four French and two Spanish courses now scheduled to begin on 24 June. I understand that numerous applicants, when informed of our readiness to start classes for which they have applied, are withdrawing or asking that their enrollment be deferred till autumn.

3. We now are working on an FE request for a limited reading course in Vietnamese.

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4. [REDACTED] have discussed future of the Turkish program. In view of SE's negligible interest in full-time Turkish and of Navy's re-introduction of intensive Turkish, LAS proposes that any demand for full-time Turkish be met by arrangements with the Navy Language School. A satisfactory part-time program seems in prospect.

5. The ten-week part-time course in Basic Spoken German was completed on 14 June by four students of the seven who had registered. This was the first German course in which [REDACTED] has assumed the principal burden of instruction.

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6. [redacted] met with [redacted] of WE on the possible addition of Language/Area Studies and Basic Country Surveys on France and Italy, following up on a prior expression of interest by [redacted] C/WE. Support was unqualified for LAS proposals to offer the two types of courses simultaneously on France in the spring and on Italy in September of 1958. This approach, which will be tried out for Germany this fall, will permit the sharing of instructors and guest speakers between the two courses on the same area. [redacted] estimated that about 12 WE personnel would be made available to take the part-time Basic Country Survey-France, and at least 4 [redacted] to take the full-time Language/Area Study. [redacted] will organize both types of courses with [redacted] assistance and in turn will assist them in the French language phase of the instruction.

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7. WE has also expressed a keen interest in our developing a comparable program for Spain, which they consider to be of growing importance. LAS/Western Staff will be stretching its facilities to the limit, however, with the four new courses described, and [redacted] four major area courses on Europe will now be spaced 15 to 18 months apart instead of 12 months as heretofore.

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8. [redacted] commented to [redacted] that the DCI recently went over with him the list of WE personnel who might later be assigned to [redacted] and stipulated that those without fluent French must overcome this deficiency before departure.

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9. The first Western Department Seminar--Nationalism and Communism in the Arab World--began on 17 June with 16 students enrolled. Of this total, 12 are from the Agency--DDP 7, OO 2, ORR 2 and OCR 1--and from outside the Agency: State 2, Army and USIA 1 each. Many of these students have had considerable experience in the Arab area, and the first sessions of the Seminar indicate that this experience is being used to give the level of discussion and enquiry the desired upward thrust. Among the guest speakers in these first sessions have been Mr. [redacted] of the Eastern Staff/LAS, Mr. Harold W. Glidden of State, and an outside NEA consultant, Mr. [redacted]

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11. Progress is being made on obtaining, furnishing and equipping [redacted] the new LAS training house [redacted] Already two visits have been made to the site. It is hoped that [redacted] will be ready for use by the first week of August.

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12. During 1956, the second phase of the Basic Intensive Russian Language course lasting eight weeks was given at [redacted] but this year it was decided that all instruction in this course lasting through 23 August would be given in the regular classrooms of the Language and Area School.

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13. The fourth offering of [REDACTED] began on Monday, 17 June, with an attendance of six.

W 14. A new title has been added to the LAS East European Language Reader Series. It is the Polish Reader, based largely on Polish periodical sources, with the art work and lettering being done by Mrs. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
To our knowledge this is the first time that a Polish Newspaper Reader has been prepared either under government or academic auspices. Two hundred copies have been made in the first edition, by the off-set process. LAS readers now exist in Russian, Czech and Polish, and work is in progress on texts for three additional languages.

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15. Mr. Clarence Thurber of the Ford Foundation, International Training and Research Program, called on [REDACTED] to determine the extent to which we find language and area training in the universities suited to our needs. Thurber proved to be an excellent source of information on these types of training in non-government schools. He cited the Foundation's Foreign Area Studies Fellowship Program, which is open to government as well as non-government personnel.

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16. [REDACTED] met with Mr. James E. Boyce, President of Associates for International Research, of which Max F. Millikan is a director. While we have no immediate need of the services of this organization, whose staff is eminently qualified to perform research on problems of both intelligence analysis and Americans Abroad, we believe this contact has potential value.

17. Robert Bauer, Chief of Policy, Voice of America, presented an outstanding lecture in the Free Europe course on European public opinion in relation to the Cold War.

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18. [REDACTED] will fill the requirement of the Army's Strategic Intelligence School for a technical adviser on its prospective film on Western Europe, which should meet a real need in both the Americans Abroad-Western Europe and the Free Europe courses. It is expected that the trip to New York can be made following present teaching commitments, which run to 19 July.

19. The Italian Proficiency Test was given for 7 people on 13 June.

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20. The Japanese test was given for nine people. The written part was given on 13 June and the oral part on 14 June. Mrs. [REDACTED] (FDD), 25X1A9a
and Mr. [REDACTED] served on the oral panel.

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21. The Persian test was given on 13 June for 1 person. Mr. [REDACTED] served on the oral panel.

22. The Polish test was given on 12 June for 1 person by special request. 25X1A9a
The oral part was given on 14 June; [REDACTED] served on the panel.

23. The French test was given on 14 June for 1 person by special request.

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24. The Russian test was given by special request on 14 June for 1 person. 25X1A9a
Mrs. [REDACTED] served on the oral panel.

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25. The Arabic test was given by special request on 18 June for 6 people. 25X1A9a
Mrs. [REDACTED] (FDD) and [REDACTED] served on the oral panel.